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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive for Inspections and Security

SUBJECT: Security Clearances: Working Staff, U. S. Board on Geographical Names, Department of the Interior

1. A requirement exists to obtain security clearances for a limited number of members of the working staff of the Board on Geographical Names, Department of the Interior, who engage in geographic name review and research on foreign names included in basic and staff intelligence drafts prepared by ONE and the IAC agencies.
2. At the present time ONE is extracting names from draft manuscripts and sending lists for review, checking and correction to the Board on Geographical Names on a "RESTRICTED" basis. The procedure is unsatisfactory in that it is uneconomical of time and effort, does not include collateral data essential to precise location and identification, and results in excessively increased costs for the work.
3. It is proposed that once security clearances have been obtained for approximately thirteen personnel involved, draft manuscripts of reports will be furnished to the staff of the Board on Geographical Names for the above stated purpose. This procedure was employed by the Soviet Intelligence Study Publishing Board, JCS, and it produced most satisfactory results. JCS obtained SECRET security clearances for certain personnel engaged in review of JANIS studies for this purpose.
4. It is therefore requested that your Office review the problem, arrange for necessary security clearances and advise this Office of action taken.

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